


Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jeff DeWitt
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DATE: November 21, 2014

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard Amendment Act of 2013”

REFERENCE: Bill 20-418, Draft Committee Print provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on November 20, 2014

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

Current law¹ requires that 20 percent of retail electricity sold in the District must come from Tier 1 renewable energy sources. The bill removes black liquor² and biomass from inefficient facilities³ from the list of Tier 1 renewable energy sources.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. Changing the requirements for a renewable energy source to qualify as Tier 1 renewable should not affect the buildings, operations, or utility purchases of the District.⁴

¹ D.C. Official Code § 34-1431.

² Black liquor is defined in the bill as “spent cooking liquor from the kraft process of paper making.”

³ The new definition would allow biomass to qualify as Tier 1 renewable if the generation unit can demonstrate it will achieve a total system efficiency of 70 percent on an annual basis.

⁴ Email from Sustainability and Energy Division of Department of General Services, November 20, 2014.